

# From Targeting to Planning Future Ops



## Some Practicalities



# Agenda

- Characteristics of SASO
- Types of Operations
- Why Plan?
- Plans/Future Ops Team
- Planning Cycle
- Planning Relationships

# Characteristics of SASO

- Very manpower intensive
  - Both troops to tasks and human fatigue
- Rapid shift between “Blocks”
  - Periods of relative calm separated by sudden, unpredictable bursts of activity which may or may not be hostile – have contingency plans
- Often very dispersed (Many C<sup>2</sup> dilemmas)
- Often allows more planning time than block 3

# Types of Operations

- Security Patrol Program
  - OP, Point Sy, Perimeter Sy, Ambush.....
- Sub-Unit Rotations
- Training
  - Individual skills proficiency, Sq/Pl SOP, rehearsals
- Convoy Security

# Types of Operations cont'd...

- Rest
- Quick Response/Reserve
  - Spt unit in contact or counter unforeseen threat
- Search (eg Cordon and Knock)
- Control (eg VCP/PCP)
- Spt to Civil-Military Initiatives
- Spt IO Campaign

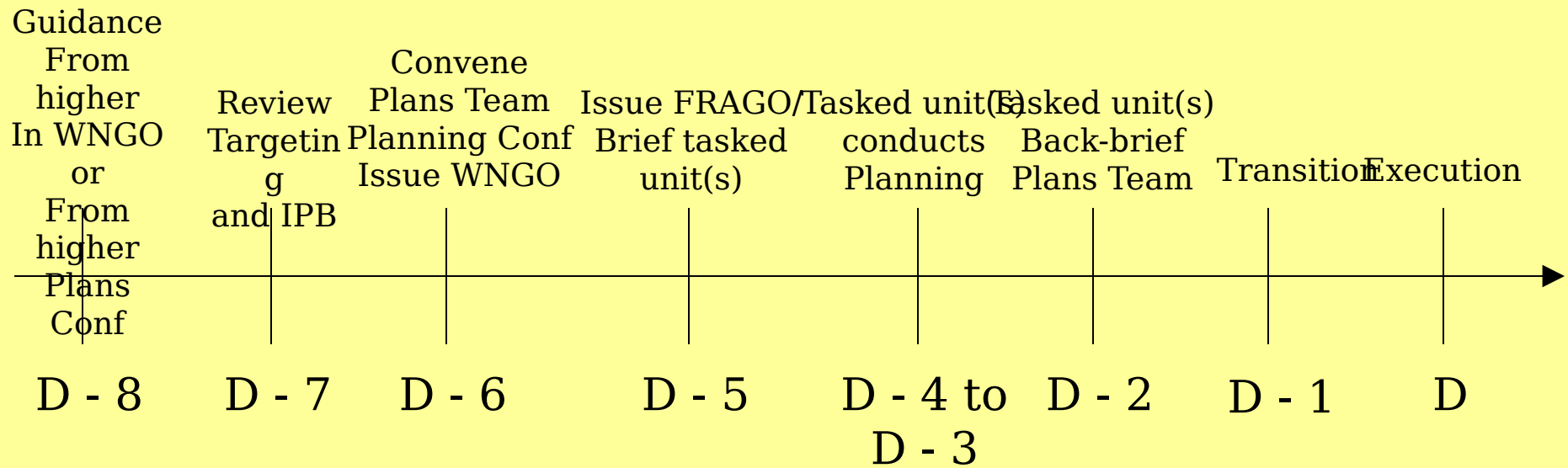
# Why Plan?

- Logical extension of the targeting process
- Determine if targeting is achievable
- Integration of Operations
- Optimize troops to tasks
- Synchronize effects identified during targeting

# The Plans/Future Ops Team

- Bn CO (will depend on his preference)
- Bn XO
- S2,3,4,6
- Company CO as appropriate
- Civil Affairs
- LO's of attached units as appropriate
- Get who you NEED if available

# Example Planning Cycle “Battle Rhythm”



1/3 – 2/3 RULE



# Plans Conference

- IPB Update
- Confirm Mission Analysis
- COA Development
- COA War Game
  - Synchronization
- Comparison and Decision

# Planning Relationships

- Staff Functions
  - Staff interactions within the Bn HQ
- Liaison Officers
  - Bn to FSSG, from atch units
- Bn HQ to Co.

QUESTIONS??